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### **REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, Applicant herein cancels rejected claims 1-3, 10-12 and 27 and "new" claims 31-40 without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter thereof; amends allowable claims 4-9, 13-26, and 28-30 so that they are now in condition for allowance.

Thus, following entry of the present amendments contained herein, examination on the merits has closed and claims 4-9, 13-26, and 28-30 should be allowed in due course.

Entry and favorable consideration of the amendments tendered herewith is earnestly solicited so that the presently pending claims may pass to timely issuance as U.S. Letters Patent.

### **Conclusion**

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the claims 4-9, 13-26, and 28-30 of the application all stand in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicants have argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references. Applicant asserts that such amendments in no way narrow the scope of the claims and are presented herewith as desirable from the subjective standpoint of Applicant.

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Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to attend to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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